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**CHAPTER 1660-1-14  
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR REFUGES,  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, AND PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS**

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**1660-1-14-.01 REPEALED.**

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**1660-1-14-.03 CATOOSA, CHEATHAM, CHUCK SWAN, FORKS OF THE RIVER, LAUREL HILL, PEA RIDGE, PERCY PRIEST UNIT I AND PRENTICE COOPER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

- (1) Unauthorized entry or presence on Catoosa, Cheatham, Chuck Swan, Forks of the River, Laurel Hill, Pea Ridge, Percy Priest Unit I, and Prentice Cooper Wildlife Management Areas is prohibited during the following times and conditions:
  - (a) Between sunset and sunrise.
  - (b) When in the judgment of the area manager, weather conditions are such that travel over roads would result in undue damage to said roads.
  - (c) During such periods as the Wildlife Resources Agency, or other authorized agencies, may be conducting special projects, the nature of which is such that the presence of the general public would have a detrimental effect on such operations or when the nature of the operation may constitute a danger to the public.
  - (d) When Fire hazards exist.
- (2) Said area shall be temporarily posted when any of the conditions under (b), (c) and (d) exist.
- (3) The use of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited on Catoosa, Cheatham, Chuck Swan, Forks of the River, Laurel Hill, Pea Ridge, Percy Priest Unit I, and Prentice Cooper Wildlife Management Areas, except in designated camping areas.

(Rule 1660-1-14-.03, continued)

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**1660-1-14-.10 STATE OPERATED WILDLIFE AND/OR WATERFOWL REFUGES.**

- (1) The following regulations apply to wildlife and/or waterfowl refuges:
  - (a) The hunting, fishing, killing, taking and/or attempted taking of any species of wildlife is prohibited, except where specifically provided by proclamation.
  - (b) The discharging or firing of any type of weapon within, or into a refuge is prohibited, except during designated hunts.
  - (c) The concentrating, driving, rallying, or disturbance of waterfowl and/or coots by means of the aid of water, land, or air conveyance or by any other means whatsoever is prohibited.

(Rule 1660-1-14-.10, continued)

- (d) Public use of refuge lands is permitted, except as otherwise prohibited by proclamation or rule. Public use is limited to activities of a temporary nature only.
  - (e) Weapons are prohibited on lands and waters of refuges at all times, except:
    - 1. Weapons are permitted while traveling through refuges on main river channels.
    - 2. Weapons are permitted during designated hunts.
  - (f) The construction of piers, boathouses, grills, or any other structure which is permanently affixed to the land or water is specifically prohibited on Hiwassee and Paint Rock Refuges.
- (2) The following regulations apply to Amnicola Refuge and Nickajack Cave Refuge:
- (a) Use of alcohol and drugs is prohibited.
  - (b) Camping or loitering is prohibited.
  - (c) Firearms and/or fireworks are prohibited.
  - (d) Picnicking prohibited unless provided for at designated areas.
  - (e) Pets must be confined to leash or carrier.
  - (f) Entrance on and/or use of Amnicola Refuge shall be by written permission only, and only at such time specified in the written permit.
  - (g) The Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency or persons designated by him shall have sole authority to grant the permission described above.
  - (h) Persons desiring use of Amnicola Refuge must contact the TWRA Region 3 Office, 464 Industrial Blvd., Crossville, Tennessee 38555 at least 10 days prior to the date for which permission is desired in order to allow adequate time for processing the permit.
  - (i) Trespass by land or water for any use is prohibited on or in the Nickajack Cave Refuge except that use of the observation deck and access trail to the deck is permitted between April 1 and October 15, inclusive, and that fishing by sport fishing methods as set out by statute or proclamation is permitted as long as no vessel or person enters the refuge boundary.

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**1660-1-14.11 TELlico LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND REFUGE.**

- (1) Artifact Hunting.
  - (a) No person shall disturb or remove any artifact from the area without specific authorization.
  - (b) Digging, probing sub-surface or the use of under water snorkeling or scuba techniques to identify artifact areas is prohibited without specific authorization.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§70-1-206 and 70-4-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed February 26, 1987; effective April 12, 1987. Amendment filed July 19, 2001; effective October 2, 2001.

**1660-1-14.12 CHEATHAM LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

- (1) Borum Pond: Use of gasoline-powered motors is prohibited on all waters.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§70-1-206. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 9, 1993; effective October 23, 1993. Amendment filed July 19, 2001; effective October 2, 2001.

**1660-1-14.13 HUNTING AND MISCELLANEOUS USES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND OTHER TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY CONTROLLED LANDS.**

- (1) General.
  - (a) On management areas, the hunter (except raccoon, opossum, and turkey hunters) may not enter prior to two (2) hours before sunrise, and he must be out of the area by one (1) hour after sunset or legal closing time. Raccoon and opossum hunters must be out of the area one (1) hour after sunrise, except on the Cherokee Wildlife Management Area.
  - (b) Only guides approved by the hunt manager will be allowed on managed hunts and these may not carry guns while guiding unless they possess a valid hunting license, big game stamp and area hunt permit. When compartments are assigned by the hunt manager, hunters must remain in the compartment assigned.
  - (c) Unauthorized persons are prohibited from being in the wildlife management area during deer, bear, boar and turkey hunts, except on the Cherokee and Land Between the Lakes Wildlife Management Area, or as otherwise specified by rule or proclamation.
  - (d) Use, possession or transportation of firearms, bows and arrows or other weapons is expressly prohibited except when authorized under these regulations. On areas where overnight camping is permitted weapons must remain in camp except during legal hunting hours.
- (2) Safety Rules.
  - (a) No hunt participant shall be in possession of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic drug, barbiturate, or marijuana while hunting within a management area or other Wildlife Resources Agency controlled lands. No individual may be under the influence of these substances at any time while within a management area or other Wildlife Resources Agency controlled lands.
  - (b) Firearms loaded with ammunition in either the chamber or magazine may not be transported in or on motorized vehicles. Except that, muzzleloaders may be transported in a loaded condition if the percussion cap or primer is removed from the nipple or tube. Flintlock muzzleloaders must have the priming powder removed from the pan, the frizzen open and the vent plugged.

(Rule 1660-1-14-.13, continued)

- (c) Hunt participants may not carry sidearms while within the management area except during hunts where authorized. Hunt participants may not carry sidearms on their person except during authorized hunting hours on wildlife management area.
  - (d) Target practice is prohibited except at ranges provided by the Wildlife Resources Agency or the USDA Forest Service. Safety Zones may be designated and posted by the area manager. Safety Zones are defined as an area of protection which may have restricted hunting activities around dwellings, recreation areas, firing and archery ranges and roads.
- (3) Dogs.
  - (a) Use or possession of dogs is prohibited on wildlife management areas or on other Wildlife Resources Agency controlled lands except when authorized by Commission proclamation or regulation.
  - (b) These rules and regulations shall not be construed to conflict with rules and regulations promulgated by any State or Federal Agency with whom the Wildlife Resources Agency manages any area under terms of a cooperative agreement.
  - (c) Any dog found on Wildlife Resources Agency controlled lands shall be impounded and disposed of according to the procedures outlined in T.C.A. §70-4-118.
- (4) Camping And Picnicking.
  - (a) Camping is specifically prohibited at State fish hatcheries. Visiting prohibited between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.
  - (b) Overnight camping may be permitted on designated areas by permission from the Area Manager, except on non-Agency lands where legally promulgated rules specify otherwise. Such camping is subject to the limitations prescribed in the permit, and shall not exceed 3 weeks in length from the beginning to the end of the camping stay.
  - (c) Houseboats and floats are prohibited from mooring and anchoring overnight along the shorelines of State property on Norris Lake.
  - (d) Picnicking is permitted on designated areas.
- (5) Miscellaneous.
  - (a) Other use of wildlife management areas and other Wildlife Resources Agency controlled lands is subject to approval of the Executive Director, Regional Manager, Park Superintendent, State Forest Supervisor, National Forest Supervisor, or Forest Service National Recreation Area Supervisor.
  - (b) All motorized vehicles must be muffler equipped to suppress noise and be spark arrestor equipped to prevent fires. Operation of motorized vehicles is confined to roads and trails not designated as closed or as authorized by the Area Manager. On LBL, motorized vehicles are prohibited on all roads and trails not designated as open by signs and/or other appropriate methods. Driving off road into woods, fields, or on foot trails or utility right-of-way is prohibited on all agency owned wildlife management areas. Motorized vehicles may be prohibited on any agency owned wildlife management area if deemed necessary to protect wildlife, vegetation, and/or properties.
  - (c) Vehicles shall not be parked in any manner that will block or deny access to any road or trail.

(Rule 1660-1-14-.13, continued)

- (d) In addition to the above, the following apply to the use of trail bikes, mini-bikes, and other off-road-vehicles:
  - 1. Off-road vehicles (ORVs) are restricted to use on roads open to other motorized traffic, except, where prohibited by state or federal statute, and designated trails only. Roads shall be posted if closed.
  - 2. ORVs may be prohibited from certain high use areas and at certain times when there is a threat to public safety or wildlife as indicated by signs.
  - 3. Driving off roads and designated trails into woods, fields, and utility rights of way is prohibited unless otherwise provided.
  - 4. ORVs may be operated during daylight hours and at other times when participating in authorized activities.
  - 5. ORVs must be equipped with properly functioning mufflers and spark arresters.
  - 6. ORVS MAY NOT BE OPERATED IN A RECKLESS OR OTHERWISE UNSAFE MANNER. NO HARASSMENT OR DISTURBANCE OF PEOPLE OR WILDLIFE IS PERMITTED.
  - 7. ALL INCIDENTS RESULTING IN THE INJURY TO PERSONS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY MUST BE REPORTED BY THE PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE DISTRICT FORESTER, AREA MANAGER, OR PARK SUPERINTENDENT. THIS REPORT DOES NOT RELIEVE PERSONS FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING ANY OTHER ACCIDENT REPORTS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW.
- (e) The use of wire, nails or other metal materials is expressly prohibited in the building or attaching of climbing devices or hunting stands on or in trees. Hunting is prohibited from any stand attached to a tree with these materials. Portable climbing devices or stands that do not injure trees are excepted from this rule.
- (f) Acts of disorderly, obnoxious, or boisterous conduct, including acts that interfere with the orderly process of hunting, are prohibited. Violators shall be removed from the area and/or prosecuted. When an individual is convicted for a flagrant violation(s) or repeated violations of regulations governing management areas, the Executive Director shall at his discretion bar said individual from all management areas for a period of up to two years of date of written notification.
- (g) No person shall deface, damage, destroy or remove any equipment, structure, trees, fruits, nuts, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod from any wildlife management area or other Wildlife Resources Agency controlled lands without specific authorization.
- (h) No garbage, rubbish, litter or any refuse, sewage or other material which would pollute said area or waters, or render them unsightly or unsanitary shall be thrown, left or deposited on the area.
- (i) No warming, camping or any type fire shall be allowed except at designated camping areas. Anyone causing a forest fire shall be held liable for the cost of suppression.
- (j) The following apply to the use of saddle and pack animals on Wildlife Management Areas:

(Rule 1660-1-14-.13, continued)

1. Horses and other saddle and pack animals are permitted on roads and trails open to motorized traffic and other trails or routes established for their use.
  2. Riding off roads into woods, fields, or on foot trails is prohibited unless otherwise provided.
  3. Horses and other saddle and pack animals may be prohibited from certain high use areas such as campgrounds, picnic areas, main-traveled roads, etc. as indicated by signs.
- (k) The following shall apply to abandoned and unattended property:
1. Abandonment of any vehicle or other personal property is prohibited and such property may be impounded by the Area Manager or an authorized person.
  2. Leaving any vehicle or other personal property unattended for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission of the Area manager or other authorized person, is prohibited and any property so left may be impounded by the Area Manager or an authorized person, and may be disposed of according to state procedures. In the event unattended property interferes with a safe and orderly management of the area, it may be impounded at any time.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §70-1-206. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 19, 2001; effective October 2, 2001.

**1660-1-14-.14 HUNTING AND MISCELLANEOUS USES OF PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS.**

- (1) PERMITS (ON PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS WHERE REQUIRED, AS PER AGREEMENT)
  - (a) Before any person may hunt on a public Hunting Area he must possess a valid and appropriate hunt permit purchased from a Public Hunting Area permit agent. This permit must be available for inspection while on the area.
  - (b) A public hunting area permit is subject to cancellation if the permittee violates any of the rules and regulations of the area.
- (2) General
  - (a) Use, possession or transportation of firearms, bows and arrows or other weapons is expressly prohibited except during times when they may be legally used for hunting. Persons possessing a firearm on Public Hunting Lands are required to have a valid Public Hunting Area permit.
- (3) Safety Rules
  - (a) The hunter's permit is subject to cancellation if he is found to be careless with firearms and no permit fee refund will be made.
  - (b) No hunt participant shall be in possession of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic drug barbiturate, or marijuana while hunting within the Public Hunting Area. No person may be under the influence of these substances while hunting on a Public Hunting Area.
  - (c) Firearms loaded with ammunition in either the chamber or magazine may not be transported in or on motorized vehicles. Except that, muzzleloaders may be transported in a loaded condition if the percussion cap or primer is removed from the nipple or tube. Flintlock muzzleloaders must have the priming powder removed from the pan, the frizzen open and the vent plugged.

(Rule 1660-1-14-.14, continued)

- (d) Hunting is specifically prohibited inside safety zones on all public hunting areas.
- (4) Miscellaneous
  - (a) All motorized vehicles must be muffler equipped to suppress noise and be spark arrestor equipped to prevent fires. Operation of motorized vehicles is confined to roads not designated as closed and driving off road into woods fields, strip mines, foot trails and utility rights-of-way is prohibited. Enduros, rallies, and/or motocross competition is prohibited on all agency-owned wildlife management areas.
  - (b) Vehicles shall not be parked in any manner which will block or deny access to any road or trail.
  - (c) The use of wire, nails or other metal materials is prohibited in the building or attaching or attaching of climbing devices or hunting stands on or in trees. Hunting is prohibited from any stand attached to a tree with these materials. Portable climbing devices and stands that do not injure trees are excepted from this rule.
  - (d) No person shall deface, damage, destroy or remove any equipment, structure, sign, trees, plants, dirt or gravel from any Public Hunting Area without proper authorization.
  - (e) No garbage, refuse, litter or sewage shall be left or deposited on a Public Hunting Area.
  - (f) The use of buckshot for hunting and/or taking of deer and turkey is specifically prohibited.
  - (g) The use of ATVs (4 wheelers, 3 wheelers, dirt bikes, etc.) or any unlicensed motorized vehicle is prohibited on the Weyerhaeuser Public Hunting Area.
  - (h) Open fires are prohibited on all public hunting areas.
  - (i) Other miscellaneous uses of public hunting areas shall be in accordance with posted notices and/or as indicated on the hunt permit.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §70-1-206. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed July 19, 2001; effective October 2, 2001. Amendment filed May 2, 2003; effective July 16, 2003.

**1660-1-14-.15 FEES FOR USE OF ROYAL BLUE AND SUNDQUIST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

- (1) Fees for horseback riding, bicycling, and off highway vehicle use shall be as follows (Youths under age thirteen (13) exempted):
  - (a) Residents
    - 1. Annual Fee - \$50.00 or possession of an annual or permanent Hunting and Fishing License and any permit (required to hunt on the Royal Blue and Sundquist Wildlife Management Areas) or any Sportsman License.
    - 2. Daily Fee - \$10.00
  - (b) Non-Residents
    - 1. Annual Fee - \$160.00 or possession of a Non-Resident Annual "All Game" hunting license and any permit required to hunt on the Royal Blue and Sundquist Wildlife Management Areas.



(Rule 1660-1-14-.15, continued)

2. Daily Fee - \$25.00

- (2) At least one occupant of an enclosed vehicle must possess the proper permit(s). No permit shall be required on roads/trails as designated.
- (3) Off Highway Vehicle is any vehicle capable of traveling off highways within the state. The term includes all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, dune buggies and other four-wheeled vehicles used for off-road activities.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§70-1-206 and 70-2-225. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 5, 2002; effective October 19, 2002. Amendment filed September 16, 2003; effective November 30, 2003.